



Door County Master Gardeners Association, Inc.



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THE GARDEN DOOR Rose Garden

The Rose Garden was started in September 1999 with 90 shrub roses donated by Ron Amos of Evergreen Nursery for our garden. These included 30 varieties of *Rugosa* and *Rugosa* hybrid roses, which are very winter hardy, require little care and bloom all summer. The original varieties included 'Alba', 'Blanc Double de Coubert', 'Champlain', 'Dart's Dash', 'Pierrette Pavement', 'Purple Pavement', 'Scarlet Pavement', 'Therese Bugnet', and 'Rubrifolia' (also known as Redleaf Rose or *Rosa glauca*).



In 2008 and 2009, Knock Out™ roses, bred by Wisconsin's Bill Radler, were added to the garden. These hardy and disease resistant roses are not as thorny as the older varieties. The shrub roses included the 'Carefree Celebration', 'Double Knock Out', and 'Rainbow Knock Out' varieties and a climber variety, 'Winner's Circle.' In 2010, three Drift™ series groundcover rose bushes were added with Apricot, Peach and Red blooms. In 2011, five more roses were added: Easy Elegance™ 'Kashmir', 'Pink Home Run', Magnifica', 'Cape Diamond' and 'Milwaukee's Calatrava'.

In 2014, three new roses were added: *Rosa enredadera* (climber) 'Joseph's Coat', Easy Elegance™ Rosa 'Snowdrift', and Rosa 'Chicago Peace' but only 'Snowdrift' survived the harsh winter. In 2015, another 'Joseph's Coat' rose was planted in a new location for wind protection. Also added in 2015 were hybrid tea roses ('Oklahoma' and 'Tyler'), floribunda roses ('Impatient' and 'Ebb Tide') and a grandiflora shrub rose ('Meikanaro' 'Sunshine Daydream'), to provide variety and fragrance. Most survived the 2015 winter.

In 2016, three varieties of Brownell hybrid tea roses were added to provide blooms in yellow to orange hues: 'V for Victory' (bright yellow), 'Dr. Brownell' (soft yellow), and 'Maria Stern' (soft orange). They are clustered near the crabapple tree on the west side and in the front section of the Rose Garden.

The Rose Garden also includes some perennials and two small trees. On the west side of the garden near the pond is a *Malus sargentii* 'Sargent Crabapple' and on the east side is a dwarf dogwood hybrid. Perennials in the garden include *Hemerocallis* (Daylilies), *Perovskia atriplicifolia* (Russian sage), *Phlox paniculata* 'David', *Artemisia schmidtiana* 'Silver Mound', *Amsonia* hybrid 'Blue Ice', and *Stachys lanata* (Lamb's Ear). Tulips, daffodils, and hyacinths provide spring color in the west side of the garden.